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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

15 June 2006

Environmental Law Division

Humane Zia (3HS62)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

RE: Request for Information Pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA for the Safety Light Corporation Site, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Ms. Zia:

This responds to your 18 April 2006 Information Request (the "Request") submitted to the Army Legal Services Agency and specifically addresses the Frankford Arsenal regarding the Safety Light Corporation Site in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania (the "Site"). Separate responses are being forward from the Army Medical Research & Material Command and Fort Detrick, Fort Detrick, Maryland, Army Communications-Electronics Command Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and Army Research, Development and Engineering Command Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

Enclosed is Army's response to the Request regarding Frankford Arsenal. Based on my research and inquiries, the Army has no information or documentation directly linking Frankford Arsenal to the Safety Light Corporation or any of its predecessor entities including U.S. Radium, Lime Ridge Industries, USR Industries, US Metals, Motreal, and Isolite.

Frankford Arsenal records stored at Saint Louis Federal Record Center include technical reports, R & D drawings, and specifications from the 1950's. These records have not been reviewed. Should information or documents be identified from this repository, a supplemental response will be forwarded.

To discuss this matter further you may contact me at (703) 696-1566.

Sincerely,

Carrie M. Greco
Litigation Attorney

Answers to the Questions raised in the 104(e) Request.

1. Describe in detail the business relationship between Frankfort Arsenal and Safety Light.

Other than the two references to Frankfort Arsenal (hereinafter, "FA") provided by EPA in its 104(e) Request (the "Request"), no documents or records have been located that connect FA with the Safety Light Corporation Site in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania (the "Site"). Certain FA historical reports suggest that FA operations included research on the application of radioactive isotopes in the field of metrology, the use and/or possession of instruments, gauges, and dials that may have contained tritium or other luminescent compounds, and research on and/or development of laser range-finders that may have used radioactive components. These reports were not enclosed because they provided no evidence that any of these activities at FA were conducted with or in association with the Safety Light Corporation or any of its predecessors in interest.

2. Did Frankfort Arsenal ever transport and/or broker hazardous substances and/or radioactive waste or other wastes that were disposed of or reclaimed by U.S. Radium, Lime Ridge Industries, USR Industries, USR Metals, Metreal or Isolite to the Site.

See answer to question 1. With the exception of the documents that accompanied the Request, no documents or information have been located connecting FA with the Site.

3. N/A

4. Did FA ever generate radioactive wastes or other wastes that were disposed of or reclaimed by U.S. Radium, Lime Ridge Industries, USR Industries, USR Metals, Metreal or Isolite to the Site?

See answer to question 1.

5. N/A

6. If you have reason to believe there may be persons able to provide more detailed or complete responses to any question contained herein, or who may be able to provide additional responsive documents, provide the names, titles, areas of responsibility, current addresses, and telephone numbers of such persons as well as additional information or documents they may have.

The Army is not aware of any other persons who may be able to provide more detailed or complete responses to any question contained in the Request

or who may be able to provide additional responsive documents or information on FA. The persons named below were consulted regarding information on FA.

Mr. John German, Associate Counsel, Environmental Law, Office of the Command Counsel, Headquarters, U.S. Army Materiel Command 9301 Chapek Road, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5527

Mr. Harvey Burnsteel, Ammunition Specialist, Headquarters, US Army Materiel Command, 9301 Chapek Road, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060

Mr. William Moye, Command Historian, Headquarters, US Army Materiel Command, 9301 Chapek Road, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060

Ms. Yolanda McKenzie, Records Custodian, Headquarters, US Army Materiel Command, 9301 Chapek Road, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060

Major Robert Prins, Radiation Safety Officer, Headquarters, US Army Materiel Command, 9301 Chapek Road, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060

Mr. Richard Wiltson, Assistant Historian, Headquarters, US Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, AMSRD-CI, 5183 Blackhawk Road, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21010

Mr. George Eaton, Historian, US Army Field Support Command, Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois 61299

7. For each and every question contained herein, if information or documents responsive to this Information Request are not in your possession, custody, or control, then provide the names, titles, areas of responsibility, current addresses, and telephone numbers of the persons from whom such information or documents may be obtained.

Upon FA's closure in the mid-1970's all FA records would have either been destroyed or shipped to a record repository in accordance with the Modern Army Record Keeping System AR 25-400-2. Pursuant to this regulation, many R & D files are maintained for 6 years after completion of the project. Records containing R & D specifications and drawings and technical reports are kept permanently or until superseded or obsolete. Certain FA records containing R & D specifications and drawings and technical reports from the 1950's have been located at the National Personal Record Center, St. Louis, Missouri. These records have not yet been reviewed. Should any documents responsive to this request be identified, a supplemental response will be submitted. This response is based on a thorough search of records maintained by Army historians and the records manager at the Army Materiel Command.

8. If you have any other information about other party(ies) who may have information that may assist the Agency in its investigation of the Site, or who may be responsible for the generation of, transportation to, or release of contamination at the Site, please provide such information. The information you provide in response to this request should include the party's name, address, type of business, and the reasons why you believe the party may have contributed to the contamination of the Site or may have information regarding the Site.

The Army is not aware of any other party or parties that may have information responsive to the Request, or who may have been responsible for the generation of, transportation to, or release of contamination at the Site.

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